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SUBJECT:STRAUSS-USHIBA FOLLOW-UP: FOREST PRODUCTS GROUP
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1. WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS ASSUME DISCUSSIONS WILL BEGIN MONDAY MARCH 6 WITH EARLY SESSION AT EMBASSY, FOLLOWED BY PLENARY. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION WE SUGGEST MONDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING AS NECESSARY BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC LUMBER AND PLYWOOD STANDARDS ISSUES. EXPLORATORY TALKS ON FINANCING AND HOUSING WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY MORNING IN ORDER TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE WITH POSSIBILITY OF REAL PROGRESS ON STANDARDS. IF LANDE MUST DEPART TUESDAY AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIFIC CHANGES IN JAPANESE STANDARDS ARE REQUIRED, THE TALKS MAY BE CONTINUED ON UNDER
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CHAIRMANSHIP OF WILLIAM PENOYAR, USDOC. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS UNACCEPTABLE, PLEASE INFORM US ASAP.

2. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT JAPANESE UNDERSTAND OUR EXPECTATION OF REAL PROGRESS ON STANDARDS. THERE HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT EXPLORATORY TALKS IN THE PAST AND BOTH

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SIDES UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE.

3. TO FACILITATE REACHING AGREEMENT EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT YASUJI HONDA, OR HIS REPLACEMENT

AS DIRECTOR OF THE CONSUMER DIVISION OF THE FOOD AND MARKETING BUREAU OF MAF IS INVOLVED. HONDA ALLEGEDLY TOLD INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETING IN VANCOUVER LAST DECEMBER THAT HE WOULD HAVE NEW GRADING RULES READY IN MARCH. IF HIS WORK IS NEARLY COMPLETED OUR DISCUSSION SHOULD BE FRUITFUL.

4. THE FOLLOWING ARE USG PARRICIPANTS WITH TRAVEL INFORMATION. PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE RESERVATIONS AT THE OKURA:

(A) STEVE LANDE, ASSISTANT STR, ARRIVING FRIDAY VIA PAN AM - PLEASE RESERVE ROOM AT OKURA FOR ONE NIGHT. HE WILL FLY TO SEOUL SATURDAY RETURNING SUNDAY. PLEASE RESERVE ROOM AT OKURA FOR SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

(B) DORAL COOPER, STR, ARRIVING SUNDAY FROM GENEVA; PLEASE RESERVE ROOM AT OKURA FOR TWO NIGHTS.

(C) BILL PENOYAR, USDOC, ARRIVING TOKYO SATURDAY VIA NW NO. 7. REQUEST FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ROOM RESERVATION WAS SENT SEPTEL.
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(D) DON BUSINGER, USDOC, ARRIVING TOKYO SATURDAY 4:00PM VIA NW NO. 3. PLEASE RESERVE ROOM AT OKURA FOR FIVE NIGHTS.

(E) ROBERT ETHINGTON, U.S. FOREST SERVICE, ARRIVING SATURDAY VIA NW NO. 3. HE HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATION AT OKURA THROUGH AIRLINE. APPRECIATE EMBASSY CHANGING RESERVATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EMBASSY RATE.

(F) JEFFREY CUNNINGHAM, TRADE AGREEMENTS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ARRIVING TOKYO SATURDAY VIA NW NO. 7. PLEASE RESERVE ROOM AT OKURA FOR FIVE NIGHTS.

(G) HORTENCE FIEKOWSKY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, ALREADY IN TOKYO IS ALSO MEMBER OF MISSION.

5. LIST OF INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SENT SEPTEL. ORGANIZATIONS TO BE REPRESENTED REMAIN AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL, WITH EXCEPTION OF UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS WHICH HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEND A

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